



ROLLS-ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

NORTH EASTERN SECTION



*Newsletter
September/October
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The *Noggin and Natter evenings* on the first Wednesday of each month are now taking place at the **Crathorne Arms, Crathorne, TS15 0BA**, just off the A19 near Yarm. A busy pub, but within easy reach of most of us. Bar food is available for those who want it. It is a very select gathering at present, so why not come along and swell the numbers!

The third Wednesday evening meetings involve much lively talk and laughter at **The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe, DH6 5NX**.

A hardcore of attendees has developed, but new faces are always welcome. These meetings are definitely not men only! Just turn up at about 7.30pm, there is no need to book. Order food and drink at the bar and ask where we are - they usually know!

Events for 2016

Sunday 4 September	Land Rovers and Lunch - RH
Wednesday 21 September	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
Sunday 25 September	NECPWA Beamish Rally at Beamish Museum - BS
Sunday 2 October	Road run/Tanfield Railway/pub meal - TM
Wednesday 19 October	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
Sat 11/13 November	NEC Classic Car Show - JC
Wednesday 16 November	The Old Mill, Metal Bridge, Coxhoe
Wed 21 December	Christmas Event at The Old Mill, Coxhoe - RM

Events for 2017

29 Sep/1 Oct	Section weekend based at Doxford Hall, Northumberland - MV/TH
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The AGM location date time Agenda and supporting papers will be provided to section members in accordance with the RREC Rules for Sections AGM timetable.

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Harewood House seen over the bonnet of Nick Clark's 20hp at the North of England Rally.

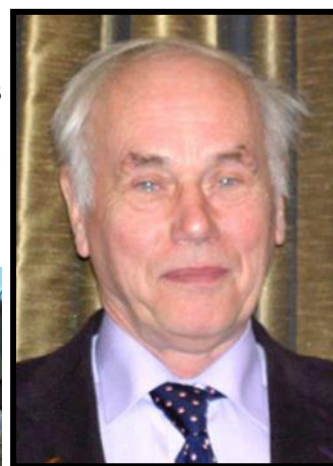


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Roger's Ramblings

Whilst exploring Slovenia on two wheels we came across an oversized Tiger Moth parked in a farmers field. It had the most enormous 9 cylinder radial engine, it turned over but, unfortunately, did not start! All very crude and battered.



John on the front has a collection of racing motorcycles and reported that the scooter handled quite well, if

only I would sit still.

Traffic is heavy, but you are allowed to ride on the footpaths, at least that's what the locals do!

Marshalling at Harewood is always interesting, 'You're supposed to be in Row E sir' and his reply was 'I know but can I park near the toilets?' So I replied 'OK if you must.'

'Can you please remove your picnic and candelabra from the middle of the footpath' and his reply was 'Ok but its sheltered from the wind here'.

The rather embarrassed owner of a 2 door Goodwood Phantom reminded me that he needed 5 feet of space on each side to be able to open the doors fully, these cars are enormous needing a parking space 18 feet square, imagine that! (Not much good for Tesco's, then. Ed) All very sociable, I got sunburned (forgot my cap).

Roger





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Contact point comments

I put pen to paper in the middle of August having just heard the weatherman on television advise that the 31st August marks the end of summer. I guess that that gives notice for the end of our season, though there are still a number of events in our programme that I anticipate will be well worth attending.

I attended the MGOC Rally at Tynedale RUFC on 3rd July, and was a bit surprised to find the clubhouse was still closed because of the flood damage suffered earlier this year, given that the Rugby season starts at the beginning of September. The NECPWA event at Newby Hall followed on 17th July. Both these events appear to grow in stature from an increase in vehicle numbers exhibited and /or visitors year on year.

The RREC North of England Rally took place over the weekend of 6/7th August, and appeared to be reasonably well attended, though that might have been an illusion from simply spreading out those in attendance more than in previous years. The attraction for me continues to be the pre-war vehicles, but the issue is how practical they are to drive regularly on the busy and congested roads of today.

The numbers of cars of the marque attending events on the programme of the Section appears to be continuing to decline with only four in attendance at the MGOC rally this year compared with seven last year. It is always interesting to read of the experiences in other sections and one Chairman recently complained that less than 20 members had attended an event on his patch. I wish

Having said that, I understand that there will be a reasonable number turning out for the Twisted Performance event on 4th September organised by Roger and Janice Hall, which has been brought forward from 11th September.

I have asked Committee colleagues to begin to think about the programme of events for 2017. Any suggestions from section members will be welcomed and a number of those received from you previously have been held over for consideration for 2017.

A key event in the programme will be a Section Week-end in Northumberland at the end of September 2017. This is being organised by Tony Henfrey and Martin Vinson and further details will follow.

Rod



Newsletter Editor's comments

There is not a great deal to say about the newsletter, as it all seems to jog along as usual. I have not included much about the Annual Rally at Burghley, as that will be very adequately covered in the Bulletin, with lots of photos. Roger kindly offered Rod and me a lift down, and once again we had the pleasure of riding in a 1930s Supercar! Meeting up with people by accident is always the luck of the draw, but I did see Gordon and Margaret Blacklock, John Harrison and Nick Clark, Bernie Surtees and I caught a glimpse of Selina Powers, though not to speak to. I think that John and Marilyn Leadbeater were there, but I did not see them.

I did take a few photos, so for those who were not there, here is a sample.



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The 1910 Titanic Ghost - that always seems such an unfortunate name!



1910 Silver Ghost, with Roi des Belges coachwork by Gamble of Belfast.

Just one more over the page.
Martin



1929 P11 Boat Tailed Tourer by Robinson.
Chassis No. 19KR.

Welfare

Sheila Mansfield and Derek Moss continue to battle bravely with medical problems, and we wish them both a speedy return to rude health.

Were we have been:-

MGOC Classic Vehicle Rally, Corbridge

I think the time has come to abandon entry to this rally as a section, as with over 1800 cars in attendance and large stands of, say BMW Minis, four Bentley Motor Cars is an embarrassment to the Club. However, my thanks to Rod, Bernie, John Leadbeater and Peter Dawes, for their attendance.

Martin



Ripon Old Cars

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that two large car shows should occur on consecutive weekends. Ripon Old Cars, at Ripon Racecourse was only the week after the NECPWA show at nearby Newby Hall. There is a strict age limit for the Newby show, I think that only pre 1972 cars are admitted, at Ripon, however, it is more relaxed and on club stands there is no age restriction, so that modern cars are permitted. This was particularly noticeable on the Mercedes-Benz stand, where they all seemed to be pretty modern! Nick Clark was there in his rare late 1929 20hp, which was the only car of the marque from the North Eastern Section, although there were several other RR or Bentley motor cars present, presumably from the Yorkshire Section.

Martin



Nick Clark's 1929 Weyman Close Coupled Coupé by Freestone and Webb. Chassis No. GEN75



1926 20hp Saloon by Park Ward. Chassis No. GUK18. This car was also at Raby Castle and Harewood House.



A pair of patriotic Shadow IIs



1964 Bentley S3. Chassis No. B84EC

North of England Rally

Jim Clark, Roger Hall and I did some marshalling, directing cars to the various rows to which they had been allocated. It was a jolly morning with most members in good spirits, despite a fresh breeze, and not much sunshine, at least at the start. I thought that the overall turnout was down again on last year, and the North Eastern Section was not much in evidence, though I did see John Harrison, Nick Clark and John Leadbeater arrive. It is a shame that the Croft Nostalgia weekend clashes with this event.

1936 Bentley 4¹/₄ Coup de Ville by Hooper.
Chassis No. B18HK



1939 Rolls-Royce Wraith, Drophead Coupé
by James Young. Chassis No. WHC31



1935 Bentley 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Saloon by Park Ward.
Chassis No. B171EJ



One would think by my photos that the older cars were in the majority. Regrettably that is not the case, but merely reflects where my interests lie!

Martin

Raby Castle Classic Car Show

A 20 hp, two 20/25s and a Derby Bentley 4 $\frac{1}{4}$, represented the section. In addition there was a Bentley Corniche, belonging to one of the JDC members, who had not come in his Jaguar. The car is not shown on the Club website, so I assume that he is not a member. As this is a big Jaguar event, tagged onto the Mark Woodward show, there was an excellent turn out of Jaguars, and Area 11 of the JDC, (Geoff and Sheila Mansfield's baby!) won the prize for best club stand - again. Geoff and Sheila ensure that there are always prizes for marques other than Jaguar on their stand, and this year the prize for best Rolls-Royce, went to Allan Fishburn

for his 1934, Hooper Sedanca Coupé, 20/25, Chassis No. GMD41. There were also two or three RR motor cars parked in the general car park, and they would have been an added attraction to our display, but, I suspect came from other sections. The weather was kind, and the turn out of cars, overall, seemed greater than last year. This year some cars were parked up by the castle itself. One of the complaints in the past has been the volume of the event loudspeakers, but this year they seemed quite muted. Perhaps being parked next to a fairground organ had something to do with it!

Geoff and Sheila put in a tremendous amount of work to ensure that the day is a



success, and much gratitude is owed to them. Also thanks to members of Area 11 of the JDC who turned up on the Saturday to clear the stand site of the offerings left by the herd of deer. Unfortunately it seems they were not fenced off overnight and managed to return and top up the supply!

Martin

Where we are going:-

Land Rovers and Lunch – Sunday 4th September

A private visit to Twisted Performance, Sussex Court, Thirsk Industrial Park, York Road, Thirsk, YO7 3TA, followed by lunch at Abbey Inn, Byland.

Twisted are world known for modifying and constructing Land Rover Defenders - you will be amazed.

We will meet at their factory for coffee at 1100hrs, followed by a tour. We will then drive the few miles for a Buffet Lunch at Abbey Inn, Byland. The food last year was excellent, the car parking is spacious, and the drive there is scenic.

It is also hoped to have some other interesting cars joining us.

Roger

NECPWA Beamish Museum – Sunday 25 September

I do not have much in the way of details, other than the date. However, I have put last year's booking form, updated, at the end of the newsletter, so fill this in and send it off to Bernie Surtees.

Road, Rails and Lunch! – Sunday 2 October

We will meet at 10.30 at a pleasant venue where tea/coffee will be available and do a 40/50 miles run along an interesting route arriving at Tanfield Railway, Sunnyside near Gateshead, followed by a two course lunch at a nearby hostelry. The drive includes a 45 minute return trip on the train, and lunch, with a choice of two starters, and two or three main courses. The price per person is a very attractive £19.00.

Tony

Section Weekend:

Friday 29th, Saturday 30th September and
Sunday 1st October 2017

I know it seems a long way off, but I have been trying to put together a weekend in Northumberland, with help from Tony Henfrey. So far I have made a provisional booking with the [Doxford Hall Hotel](#), Chathill, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE67 5DN, for the Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone wishing to stay for the Sunday night should contact the hotel direct on 01665 567 476 or e-mail at info@doxfordhall.com. RREC member Jonathan Radgwick, has invited us to his workshop at Rothbury on Saturday morning, followed, probably with a visit to Craggside, noted for being the

first house in England to be lit with electric power.

On Sunday there will be a visit to Chillingham Castle with a guided tour.

The cost is likely to be in the region of £450 for two people sharing, and including dinner bed and breakfast for the Friday and Saturday nights, and visits to Craggside and Chillingham Castle. Unfortunately Craggside do not consider their charges until the end of the year, so this is a slight guess at present.

If you think that this might be of interest, please put the dates in your diary for next year, and I will be publishing further information as soon as it is available.

Martin

RROC of America Route 66 Tour - 2017

We have been contacted by the RROC with a proposal to join them for a tour along Route 66 following their AGM, in June 2017. The RROC would like to investigate whether there would be any interest from European RREC members to attend the event. I have already sent out this information with the full details supplied by e-mail, however, if anyone would like the information again, let me know.

Kindly respond to The Hunt House direct, before 12th September.

This sounds like a great trip, I have driven Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, and it was a fantastic experience. If you don't go with the RROC, do it yourselves, there are lots of packages that see to all the arrangements, or just go it alone and follow the telegraph poles!

Martin



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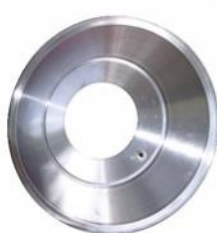
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